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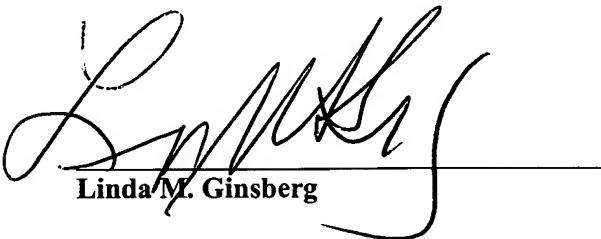
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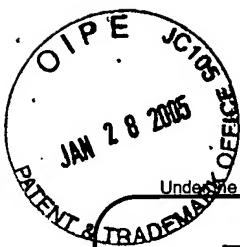
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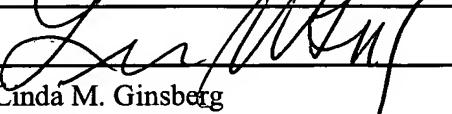
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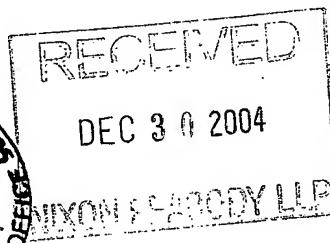
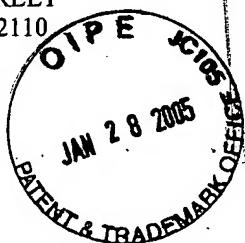
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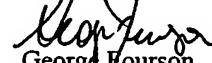
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The reply filed on 10-15-2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): In claim 1, line 14, deletion of "polarisation", and insertion of --polarization-- after "oscillation"; in claim 9, line 2, deletion of "behaviour", and insertion of --behavior-- after "model of predicted"; in claim 10, line 1, deletion of "analysing", and insertion of --analyzing-- after "created by"; in claim 11, line 2, deletion of "behaviour", and insertion of --behavior-- before "illuminating radiation"; in claim 11, line 2, deletion of "polarisation", and insertion of --polarization-- before "modes and the"; and in claim 12, line 2, deletion of "optimised", and insertion of --optimized--, before "endpoint" were not properly indicated. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joannie García whose telephone number is (571) 272-1861. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Olik Chaudhuri, can be reached on (571) 272-1855. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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